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To: Suzanne Hyatt

Subject: New Proposed State Lease

Mrs. Hyatt,

Good Morning: I wanted to send you an email regarding my thoughts on the idea of revising the State Lease form. I would like to start off by thanking you for your hard work and dedication to the Department of Natural Resource and our State. I attended the Mineral Board meeting last week and listened to the comments surrounding the new State Lease form. One point that Mr. Haik brought up was one of, "we should revise our State Lease form to make it more comparable to our neighboring states. If the neighboring state's fees, penalties, or requirements are higher or striker then the State of Louisiana should raise theirs." I strongly disagree with his beliefs. I believe in these times, the State of Louisiana should encourage, incentivize and support E&P companies to cross the state line and spend their money on exploring for hydrocarbons here in our great State. Lets make it more appealing to conduct business here in our State rather than try to raise fees to make a little more money. In the long run, even though our fees are not generating as much money on a per lease basis, the State will benefit substantially more by increasing the volume of leases taken and wells drilled.

Please share this with anyone that may be of interest.

I hope you have a wonderful day.

Thank You,

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